

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Developmental Disabilities Committee Meeting

LOCATION

Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference

Meeting Date

August 7, 2013
1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Sean O'Brien
James Wiedle
Dave Fleurant
Caroline Hogan
Michael Bailey

Staff:

Patrick Reinhart
Carrie Predeger

Minutes prepared by: Jeannette Rice, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.
Roll Call

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Patrick Reinhart noted that there would not be a quorum at today's meeting, so the committee would not be able to conduct official business.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

The agenda could not be approved without a quorum.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PAST MEETING

Approval of the minutes from the June meeting was postponed because there was not a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE

Carrie Predeger stated that there was no new correspondence.

REPORTS

From the Chair

There was no report from the chair.

DD Program

Caroline Hogan reported that there are currently 682 people on the registry. They are now doing their monthly draw and will be drawing 15 to 17 people. She stated that they are on track to meet the goal of drawing 200 people by the end of the year, in spite of skipping the last month or two because they were preparing for the new regulations.

AADD

Michael Bailey reported that AADD is concerned about some areas of the new regulations that aren't quite clear, such as what circumstances require providers to file amendments to their plans, but they hope to get clarification at the AADD meeting on August 8th.

Michael also stated that the conversion to MMIS will result in a blackout period, so that from the beginning of September, no prior authorizations will be issued from SDS for over a month. This will result in a one or two weeks' cash flow delay for providers, but should not impact recipients.

Michael Bailey announced that AADD is planning a face-to-face meeting in late October, with target dates of October 26th to 29th. Also, AADD is developing a new website that will include links to the Governor's Council, the Trust Training Cooperative, and other relevant resources.

Key Coalition

Michael Bailey remarked that John Cannon is now the president of Key Coalition. Michael stated that Key is planning a retreat in September, but he doesn't know the details. More information should be announced at the AADD meeting on August 8th.

Council and Executive Committee Update

Patrick Reinhart stated that the Executive Committee now meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month, and the next meeting will be August 27th at 1:00. He noted that Ric Nelson is the new Council chair as of July 1st.

Patrick reported that the Council is getting staffed up with the addition of Amanda Cooper as project coordinator for ASPEN and health program grants, and a MAST volunteer who started today, August 7th. They are also posting another position to work with Rich Sanders on the Disability Employment Initiative. Also, the new Peer Power advisor has been hired to work for the Disability Law Center and will work out of the Governor's Council office a few hours a week. Patrick noted that he is the new planner for the Council, and a new legislative intern will be starting on August 26 who will work on advocacy issues.

Patrick noted that the Governor's Council face-to-face meeting will be at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage October 2nd through 4th.

Patrick added that Rich Sanders has been sending out save-the-date notices for an Employment First summit on September 30th and October 1st at the BP Energy Center. This event will include only 60 participants because of space limitations. The purpose is to discuss what they want to see in Employment First legislation, as Representative Charisse Millet is preparing to prefile a bill.

Peer Power

Patrick Reinhart stated that Tracy Golly is the new Peer Power advisor, and he worked at the Governor's Council office with Ric and Rich for most of a day recently.

Housing

James Wiedle noted that AHFC has a new executive director, Bryan Butcher. James stated that AHFC is planning a training and orientation meeting for those who are looking into developing housing but have never done it before.

James explained that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has issued a statement saying that projects funded by HUD are allowed to offer general preference for people with disabilities, but are not allowed to target people with specific disabilities such as mental illness or DD. Such specific preferences would now require approval from HUD's legal department.

James mentioned that AHFC would have their annual performance report draft ready by the first week of September, and he will e-mail it to the Council chair.

Rural Issues

Carrie Predeger stated that the Rural Ad Hoc Committee has been discontinued under the Council's new committee structure, and each committee was asked to put rural issues on their agenda. Patrick Reinhart

added that the Full Lives Conference will be in Bethel again in late September.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 14 Work Plan Draft

Carrie Predeger explained that the DD Committee needs to discuss the work plan when they have a quorum, prior to the October Council meeting when the full Council approves each committee's work plan. The work plan draft was included with today's meeting materials, and committee members are asked to review it and be prepared to discuss it at the September 4th meeting.

Carrie noted that the format of the work plan is different from previous years, listing partners on some of the priorities, and it needs to be filled out with recommended activities. Carrie added that some of the priorities are ongoing and are not expected to be completed in FY 14. Carrie said that committee members could e-mail suggestions and feedback to her prior to the next DD Committee meeting, and she would incorporate those into the work plan draft.

Alaska's Long-Term Services and Supports: Recommendations for a Strategic Plan

Carrie Predeger stated that some time ago, she sent out a survey requesting comment on issues regarding long-term care, and the feedback received was brought to the strategic planning group. Agnew::Beck was contracted to develop a plan, and the resulting report and recommendations were included with today's meeting materials. Patrick and Carrie asked people to read the report, although no response is required. Michael Bailey commented that the section on areas that are expected to grow in the next couple of decades is interesting.

ICF/MRs in Alaska

Carrie Predeger stated that Ric Nelson had wanted to talk about ICF/MRs in Alaska, so it will remain on the agenda for the next meeting. Discussion ensued about Alaska taking pride in not having ICF/MRs, but committee

members wondered how many Alaskans are currently out of state in an ICF/MR. Caroline Hogan stated that Maureen Harwood could probably generate that number, but it wouldn't include any that are privately paid.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, October 2 – 4 at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage
- AADD face-to-face meeting in late October, probably October 26 – 29
- Ric Nelson will be attending the national HCBS conference.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Patrick Reinhart commented that today's meeting was an unusual situation with so few committee members able to attend, but that members should plan to stick to the regular meeting schedule and make every effort to attend meetings so the committee can meet quorum and conduct official business.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next DD Committee meeting is scheduled for September 4th from 1 to 3 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.